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MARCH PRICES RECEIVED MIXED

SIOUX FALLS, March 29, 2007 -- Preliminary March prices were up from February for soybeans, sunflower, winter wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for barrows and gilts and cows were down, while sows, steers and heifers and calves were up.

For March, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$4.60, was up 4 cents from last month and up 79 cents from last March. The spring wheat price, at \$4.81, was unchanged from last month but 85 cents higher than last year. The March soybean price, at \$6.60, was 3 cents higher than last month and \$1.31 higher than last year. The corn price, at \$3.14, was down 5 cents from last month but up \$1.30 from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$15.40, was up 40 cents from last month and up \$4.70 from last year.

The preliminary March barrow and gilt price, at \$46.50, was down \$2.80 from last month but up \$2.40 from last year, while sows, at \$32.60, were up \$2.00 from February and up 10 cents from March 2006.

The preliminary March steer and heifer price, at \$99.30, was up \$4.40 from February but down \$1.70 from March of last year. Calves, at \$117.00, were up \$1.00 from last month but down \$17.00 from March 2006.

The March alfalfa price, at \$93.00 per ton, was up \$8.00 from last month and up \$29.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$72.00, was up \$1.00 from last month and up \$22.00 from March 2006.

Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers

| Commodity | Unit | March 2006 ¹ | February 2007 ¹ | March 2007 ² |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> |
| Corn | Bu. | 1.84 | 3.19 | 3.14 |
| Soybeans | Bu. | 5.29 | 6.57 | 6.60 |
| Sunflower | Cwt. | 10.70 | 15.00 | 15.40 |
| Wheat, All | Bu. | 3.88 | 4.67 | 4.70 |
| Winter | Bu. | 3.81 | 4.56 | 4.60 |
| Other Spring | Bu. | 3.96 | 4.81 | 4.81 |
| Barley, All | Bu. | 2.21 | NA | NA |
| Feed | Bu. | NA | NA | NA |
| Malt | Bu. | NA | NA | NA |
| Oats | Bu. | 1.75 | 2.48 | 2.45 |
| Hay, All | Ton | 62.00 | 82.00 | 90.00 |
| Alfalfa | Ton | 64.00 | 85.00 | 93.00 |
| Other | Ton | 50.00 | 71.00 | 72.00 |
| Cattle, All Beef ³ | Cwt. | 96.10 | 89.90 | 93.70 |
| Cows | Cwt. | 52.20 | 49.30 | 43.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | Cwt. | 101.00 | 94.90 | 99.30 |
| Calves ⁴ | Cwt. | 134.00 | 116.00 | 117.00 |
| Hogs, All | Cwt. | 42.90 | 47.40 | 45.10 |
| Barrows & Gilts | Cwt. | 44.10 | 49.30 | 46.50 |
| Sows | Cwt. | 32.50 | 30.60 | 32.60 |
| Lambs | Cwt. | 90.80 | 98.80 | NA |
| Sheep | Cwt. | 33.40 | 37.80 | NA |

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. ³ Over 500 lbs. ⁴ Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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